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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A composition comprising a stable, clear aqueous cleansing phase having stably dispersed and suspended therein particles bearing conditioning agents comprising:
 - (a) about 2-25 wt % of a high foaming anionic surfactant,
 - (b) an amphoteric surfactant in quantities from about 0.2 wt % of the composition up to a quantity wherein clarity of the aqueous phase is maintained,
 - (c) an effective amount of a viscoelastic enhancing, suspending material comprised of both about 0.4-1.5 wt % of a xanthan gum and about 0.2-1.5 wt % of a guar gum wherein both said xanthan gum and said guar gum (i) each have an initial transparency of at least 85% and (ii) each have a particle size such that each gum goes through a 250 micron mesh screen, and
 - (d) insoluble stably suspended particles having a particle size in the range of about 200-2500 microns and which bear conditioning agents on and/or inside their surface which when applied to the skin or hair provides a conditioning effect,wherein the clear aqueous cleansing phase has a clarity of less than or equal to 20 Nephelometric Turbidity Units and all amounts are based on the weight of the total composition.

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2. (Original) The composition in accordance with Claim 1 wherein (a) is an ethoxylated sulfate or sulfonate in an amount of about 2 wt. % to about 20 wt.% of the composition.

3. (Original) The composition in accordance with Claim 1 wherein (b) is a betaine in an amount of at least about 0.2 wt. % of the composition.

4. (Original) The composition in accordance with Claim 1 comprising about 0.6-1.0 wt. % of the xanthan gum.

5. (Original) The composition in accordance with Claim 1 comprising about 0.3-0.8 wt. % of the guar gum.

6. (Original) The composition in accordance with Claim 1 comprising the xanthan gum in a larger quantity than the guar gum.

7. (Original) The composition in accordance with Claim 1 wherein a nonionic surfactant is also present.

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8. (Original) The composition in accordance with Claim 1 wherein the particles bear the oily conditioning agent within or upon the surface of the particle.
9. (Original) The composition in accordance with Claim 1 wherein oily conditioning agents are selected from the group consisting of vitamins, provitamins, emollients, moisturizers, silicones, vegetable oils and mineral oils.
10. (Original) The composition in accordance with Claim 1 wherein the particles have a density in the range of about 0.92 to about 1.05 gm/cm³.
11. (Original) The composition in accordance with Claim 1 wherein the particles have an average diameter size of from about 800 to about 1800 microns.
12. (Original) The composition in accordance with Claim 3 wherein the betaine is cocoamidopropyl betaine.
13. (Original) The composition in accordance with Claim 1 comprising 5 to about 20 wt. % of the anionic surfactant.
14. (Original) The composition in accordance with Claim 1 comprising 7 to about 13 wt. % of the anionic surfactant.

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15. (Currently amended) A composition comprising a stable, clear aqueous cleansing phase having stably dispersed and suspended therein particles bearing conditioning agents comprising:

- (a) about 2-25 wt % of a high foaming anionic surfactant,
- (b) an amphoteric surfactant in quantities from about 0.2 wt % of the composition up to a quantity wherein clarity of the aqueous phase is maintained,
- (c) an effective amount of a viscoelastic enhancing, suspending material comprised of both about 0.4-1.5 wt % of a xanthan gum and about 0.2-1.5 wt % of an alkoxylated guar gum wherein both said xanthan gum and said guar gum (i) each have an initial transparency of at least 85% and (ii) each have a particle size such that each gum goes through a 250 micron mesh screen, and
- (d) insoluble stably suspended particles having a particle size in the range of about 200-2500 microns and which bear conditioning agents on and/or inside their surface which when applied to the skin or hair provides a conditioning effect,

wherein the clear aqueous cleansing phase has a clarity of less than or equal to 20 Nephelometric Turbidity Units and all amounts are based on the weight of the total composition.

16. (Previously presented) The composition of Claim 15 wherein said alkoxylated guar gum is an ethoxylated guar gum or a propoxylated guar gum.

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17. (Previously presented) The composition of Claim 16 wherein said alkoxylated guar gum is a ethoxylated guar gum.

18. (Previously presented) The composition of Claim 16 wherein said alkoxylated guar gum is a propoxylated guar gum.

19. (Previously presented) The composition of Claim 17 wherein said propoxylated guar gum is 2-hydroxypropyl ether guar gum.

20. (Previously presented) The composition of Claim 19 wherein (a) is an ethoxylated sulfate or sulfonate in an amount from about 2 wt. % to about 20 wt.% of the composition, wherein (b) is a betaine in an amount of at least about 0.2 wt.% of the composition, and wherein a non-ionic surfactant is also present.